

Tranquil its spirit seemed, and floated slow ;
 Even in its very motion there was rest ;
 While every breath of eve, that chanced to blow,
 Wafted the traveller to the beauteous west.
 Emblem, methought, of the departed soul,
 To whose white robe the gleam of bliss is given ;
 And by the breath of Mercy made to roll
 Right onward to the gates of heaven,
 Where, to the eye of faith, it peaceful lies,
 And tells to man his glorious destinies.

LESSON XCIV.

Spell and define—

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| 1. FIS'SURE, a cleft in the rock. | 4. IL-LU'SIVE, deceptive. |
| PICT-U-RESQUE', peculiarly attractive. | 5. PRE-CIP'I-TOUS, steep. |
| 2. PAR'A-PET, a wall to prevent persons falling over. | 7. DELL, a narrow valley. |
| | RE-CESS'ES, retired places. |

NATURAL BRIDGE.—(VIRGINIA.)

1. This famous bridge is on the head of a fine limestone hill, which has the appearance of having been rent asunder by some terrible convulsion in nature. The fissure thus made is about ninety feet ; and over it the bridge runs, so needful to the spot, and so unlikely to have survived the great fracture, as to seem the work of man ; so simple, so grand, so great, as to assure you that it is only the work of God. The span of the arch runs from 45 to 60 feet wide ; and its height, to the under line, is about 200 feet, and to the head about 240 ! The form of the arch approaches to the elliptical ; and it is carried over on a diagonal line, the very line of all others so difficult to the architect to realize ; and yet so calculated to enhance the picturesque beauty of the object.